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TAFT SAYS HE'S NOT A POLITICIAN

Admits Making Mistakes But Has Done What He Thought to be Right

A FRANK TALK TO PARTY LEADERS

Representatives of the Various Republican Factions in Illinois Pledge Their Support to President—Taft Would Rather Have Been Chief Justice of Supreme Court Than President, Says Senator Cullom.

Peoria, Ill., Sept. 22.—President Taft had a heart to heart talk here today with the leaders of the different republican factions in Illinois, defining his status as to progressiveness, pledged ability to being a very poor politician, acknowledged again that he had not had in the direction of the office of chief justice, rather than the presidency, admitted that he undoubtedly had made many mistakes, but asserted that as president he had tried to do what he thought to be right. What the future held for him he did not know, he would go ahead doing the best he could.

Tries to Take Middle Ground.

Mr. Taft declared he was not allied with the extreme of his party, either conservative or progressive, but had tried to take a middle ground between the two. "But as middle of the road people believe in the real progressiveness," said the president, "because you do not make progress in great strides; you make it step by step."

Difference Between Fact and Fiction.

The president was in a serious mood. He declared that while it might not be so for a time, the people in the end would distinguish between fact and fiction, and would recognize the difference between substance in progress and platform declarations written for campaign purposes only.

Downcast Over Reciprocity Defeat.

The speech by the president was the most significant and interesting of his trip thus far. He still was downcast by the defeat of the reciprocity agreement in Canada, but his only reference to that subject was made earlier in the day. When he was in the car in the morning in a manufacturing establishment where farming implements are made.

Guess We Can Get Along.

"It was sorry to hear that in Canada they do not care to have closer commercial relations with us," he said. "If reciprocity had been adopted, we could have gotten our agricultural implements into Canada at a substantial decrease. But I guess we can get along."

Louder Faction Unrepresented.

The president's political speech followed a luncheon given in his honor by the republican state central committee, attended by the party leaders.

THIRTEEN CLAIMANTS FOR REWARD IN TUCKER CASE

One Man Claims to Have Seen Murderer Leave Page House.

Weston, Mass., Sept. 22.—The selectmen expect that a man of mystery who claims to have seen Charles J. Tucker leave the house of Miss Mabel Page here on March 31, 1904, shortly after the murder of that young woman, will be one of thirteen claimants to appear in person for the reward for the arrest of the murderer. The case before the board tomorrow for final decision. More than seven years have passed since the murder was committed, and during that time the reward, which now amounts to \$3,000, has been accumulating interest. Tucker went to his death in the electric chair at the Charlestown state prison entirely on circumstantial evidence. Since then the town authorities who had no part in the case, have received several letters from a man who claims to have seen Tucker leave the house at Weston, Mass., the first information to the police. No evidence of this sort developed at the trial. While the case has been known to the selectmen for some time, they have not made it public.

BRUISER CANES HIS WIFE IN THE STREET.

Photographer Who Tried to Snapshot Him Also Attacked.

New York, Sept. 22.—A man of powerful physique, who said he was Edgar Smith, a mining engineer of Des Moines, Ia., was arrested today on a charge of beating his wife. He was a young woman who said she was his wife. The alleged beating was administered in the street, but the young woman who was also beaten, refused to press a charge against him and they left court together. Near the door the man attacked a photographer aiming his camera at the pair. The camera was broken and the photographer was bruised and bleeding when his assailant fled. After the beating the man was taken to a hospital where he was held in default of \$500 bail for examination in the court of special sessions. The young woman escaped. The initials "G. H. B." found in the prisoner's belt were claimed by several persons to declare that the man's name was not Smith, but that he came from wealthy Virginia family.

PRICE OF SUGAR IS SOON TO BE LOWER.

Cheering Announcement By Official of American Sugar Company.

Boston, Sept. 22.—That the prevailing high price of refined sugar is due entirely to the scarcity of raw material and that prices will fall as soon as the supply of raw sugar approaches the normal which will be in a short time, was the opinion expressed today by Edwin P. Atkins, vice-president of the American Sugar company.

Mr. Atkins said today that the refiners have no control over the raw material. The scarcity of sugars in the United States is only temporary, said Mr. Atkins and if the newspapers will stop publications about a sugar famine and help the refiners in checking a further advance, the situation will soon be relieved.

Mr. Atkins declared that his company was endeavoring to hold the prices at \$3-40 for granulated sugar.

Cabled Paragraphs

Berlin, Sept. 22.—It is stated that the government is considering a reduction of the duty on maize and the prohibition of the export of potatoes and in view of crop failures and the scarcity of fodder.

Berlin, Sept. 22.—Thomas A. Edison, the American inventor, arrived here today and his presence in the city of attracting much attention. The American Association of Commerce and Trade is planning to give a banquet in his honor.

Berlin, Sept. 22.—Henry P. Davidson, Willard D. Straight, E. C. Grenfell, and Prof. J. W. Jenks arrived here today for the conference which they were to have in connection with the national bankers interested in the Chinese currency loan.

Viterbo, Italy, Sept. 22.—At the trial of the Camorristi today, Professor Cattaneo testified that he had been given an order by the chief of the Camorra, the alleged treasurer of the Camorra, that Enrico Alfano, charged with being the head of the Camorra, was to be executed. The murder of Gennaro Cuccolo and his wife, Rapi had attempted to prove that he was not the head of the Camorra, the informer, swore that the prisoner was acting as the receiver of stolen goods for the Camorra, and the Camorra, today several witnesses were heard to the contrary.

ASSASSIN OF STOLYPIN IS SENTENCED TO HANG.

Bogroff is 24 Years Old and Former Member of Secret Police.

Kiev, Russia, Sept. 22.—Dmitry Bogroff, the assassin of Premier Stolypin, was tried today by a military tribunal and sentenced to death by hanging. Bogroff shot Mr. Stolypin a week ago last Thursday night during a gala performance of the opera, and the assassin succumbed to the wound last Monday night.

Emperor Nicholas, the heir apparent and the Grand Duchesses Olga, Tatiana, Mary and Anastasia, who occupied the imperial box, witnessed the shooting. The emperor, who is a graduate of Kiev university. He was a member of the secret police and also a revolutionary, and is said to have been given the task by the revolutionary organization of killing Premier Stolypin.

Bogroff declined counsel. Everyone was amazed at his calmness and the firmness of his voice as he related the history of his life. He also described how he had been trained to kill, and the opportunity to assassinate the premier, but did not betray any of his motives.

The sentence must be confirmed by the commander of the military district, before Bogroff can be hanged.

FUNERAL OF STOLYPIN

Over 200 Wreaths Laid on Catafalque of Martyred Premier.

Kiev, Russia, Sept. 22.—The funeral of Premier Stolypin was held today in the Pechersky monastery and was the most impressive funeral in the history of the empire to attend the ceremony and laid over 200 wreaths on the catafalque.

The service began at 10 o'clock this morning and with the funeral orations lasted until 2 o'clock. Thousands of persons were unable to gain admission to the church and grouped themselves outside the walls of the cemetery and the chanting of the choir the coffin was borne by high dignitaries at the head of the procession.

The coffin was carried to the cemetery and the visiting deputations to the sepulcher, where it was lowered into the crypt. While the requiem was being sung, the coffin was covered with flowers. After the ceremony had been completed three volleys were fired by the army as a military honor to the dead man.

During the day numerous subscriptions were received toward the erection of a monument to Mr. Stolypin. On it will be inscribed the words he uttered in the drama: "You are the great hope of the future. We want a great Russia."

DETECTIVE TESTIFIES IN TRAIN WRECKING CASE.

Tells of Alleged Confession of One of Four Defendants.

Middletown, Conn., Sept. 22.—At the police court hearing of the four men charged with wrecking an express train on the Valley division of the New York and Hartford railroad, causing the death of Abram P. Brown, all of today was taken up listening to the testimony of Albino Alessio, a Boston detective who alleges that one of the men on trial, Lisi, confessed that he assisted in wrecking the train. Alessio was on stand under cross examination when adjournment was taken until tomorrow morning.

DEATH OF RECIPROCITY TO 'RAISE COST OF BREAKFASTS'

Foodstuffs for the Morning Meal Took a Jump Yesterday.

Chicago, Sept. 22.—Foodstuffs which might have been affected by an influx of Canadian products had Laurier and his government not been defeated in Canada yesterday, rose sharply in price at all American centers today. Wheat led the advance and was followed later in the day by flour when millers ignored their previous price lists and advanced their quotations to figures more commensurate with the advanced cost of the grain staple.

Outs, too, felt the effect of the Canadian vote and as a result consumers may expect soon to pay increased prices for breakfast foods. The increase in the price of wheat was followed later in the day by flour when millers ignored their previous price lists and advanced their quotations to figures more commensurate with the advanced cost of the grain staple.

DEAD WAKEFIELD WOMAN WEIGHED 500 POUNDS.

Funeral, Owing to Size of Casket, to Be Held on Lawn.

Wakefield, Mass., Sept. 22.—Her great burden of flesh gradually wearing down her strength, Mrs. Lena M. Richards, who weighed 500 pounds, died at her home on Vernon street today. She was 33 years old and was six feet tall. A special casket will be constructed for her burial, and as it will be impossible to get the casket into the house, the funeral services will be held on the lawn. Mrs. Richards had been confined to the house for the past three years and had steadily increased in weight.

Brokers to Be Tried Again.

Boston, Sept. 22.—District Attorney Peffer today decided to place on trial again John E. Barry, Arthur E. Sederquist and D. E. Bigelow, former members of the brokerage firm of Sederquist, Barry & Company, on the charge of larceny. At the first trial only 50 of the 102 counts in the indictment went to the jury, which disagreed after being out all night. At the new trial, the date of which has not been set, only a few counts will go to the jury.

Ministers Paid For Champagne

SENSATIONAL TESTIMONY AT SHERMAN BRIBERY TRIAL.

\$100 FOR HIS TESTIMONY

Assertion That One of the Witnesses Against Selectman Barnes Was to Be Well Paid—Barnes Makes Denial.

Bridgeport, Conn., Sept. 22.—The taking of testimony in the case of First Selectman George A. Barnes of Sherman, charged on three counts with bribery of voters, was completed today and the case adjourned until Wednesday, when arguments will be made and the case given to the jury. Barnes, who is over seventy years old, and has been first selectman of Sherman since 1878, spent for a period of four years, was on the stand today and entered a general denial of all the charges against him.

Denied Offering Witness \$5.

When the trial was resumed after the noon recess, Barnes, who was on the stand under cross examination, was asked by State Attorney Judson

if he had offered any witness \$5.

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Burned to a Crisp in Air

AVIATOR MEETS A HORRIBLE DEATH AT TROY, O.

Gasoline Tank Explodes

Birdman Not Inclined to Make Second Flight, but Jeers of Crowd Forced Him Into It—Machine Burns.

Dayton, O., Sept. 22.—Forced into the air by jeers by thousands who called him a coward, Frank H. Miller, aged 33, a Toledo, O., aviator, shot into the sky at twilight this evening and at the height of 300 feet was burned to death before the eyes of the terrified spectators on the Miami county fair track at Troy, north of here.

Gasoline Tank Exploded.

Miller had circled the race track, and was just starting on a spiral glide into a neighboring cornfield when something went wrong. He could be seen making a frantic attempt to get his machine under control and then suddenly the whirling of the propellers ceased. The craft dropped like a shot a distance of fifty feet, a tiny

blue flame darted from the engine and in an instant the gasoline tank exploded.

Miller Burned Almost to Crisp.

The machine was wrecked by the impact and debris was hurled hundreds of feet in all directions. What remained of the machine and its driver was burned almost to a crisp as they dropped rapidly to earth.

Did Not Want to Go Up.

It was Miller's second flight of the day and the fifth and last of the week. In a short flight, shortly before noon today, his machine acted unsteadily, and he did not care to go up.

Jeered by Crowd.

The crowd jeered him this afternoon when he said he would not make a flight and before he went into the air. "Let her go, I'll be glad when this is over," he shouted to his mechanical

Miller Used a Strobel biplane.

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HELD UP AT SCENE OF BEATTIE MURDER

Farmer Says He Was So Frightened He Tumbled from Wagon.

Richmond, Va., Sept. 22.—Telling a story of a holdup almost identical with that given by Henry Clay Beattie, Jr., in his recent trial for the murder of his young wife, Samuel Martin, a Chesterfield county farmer, today said he had been attacked on the exact spot where the tragedy of last July occurred.

Martin declared that while he was driving a horse-drawn wagon to the farm, he was stopped by three men on last Wednesday night on his way to the city with \$500 to purchase cattle, the front wheel of his wagon struck the iron spike driven in the road to identify the place of the murder. At the same moment, he said, "a rough, unshaven man seemed to spring out of the earth with a pistol in his hand. The farmer declared he was so frightened he tumbled backward out of the wagon, picked himself up and ran away through the woods. His team bolted onward and when he reached home the horses were waiting at his barn.

No other reports of the highwayman have since been made.

CONNECTICUT GIRL IN TROUBLE AT WORCESTER.

Accused of Raising Postal Order and Stealing Feminine Finery.</